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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 19 September 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council".

2. At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to allocate to the Third Committee chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council[1] that were to be considered under the relevant items of the agenda (see A/C.3/52/1).

3. The Third Committee considered the item at its 50th meeting, on 26 November 1997. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the summary record of the meeting (A/C.3/52/SR.50).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Economic and Social Council for the year 1997 (A/52/3).

[1] To be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/52/3/Rev.1).

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II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Organization of work of the Third Committee and draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1998-1999

5. At the 50th meeting, on 26 November, the representative of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services introduced the note by the Secretariat (A/C.3/52/L.77) entitled "Organization of work of the Third Committee and draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1998-1999" (see A/C.3/51/SR.50).

6. At the same meeting, statements were made and questions raised by the representatives of the United States of America, Austria, Luxembourg (on behalf of the States members of the European Union that are Members of the United Nations), Mexico, Australia and Côte d'Ivoire. The representative of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services responded to the questions raised.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the organization of work and the draft biennial programme of work for 1998-1999 as orally revised (see para. 9, draft decision I).

B. Report of the Economic and Social Council

8. At the 50th meeting, on 26 November, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council (see para. 9, draft decision II).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

9. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

The General Assembly, pursuant to its resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990, 46/140 of 17 December 1991 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996, approves the organization of work of the Third Committee and the biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1998-1999, as contained in annexes I and II to the present decision.

ANNEX I

Organization of work of the Third Committee

A. GUIDELINES CONCERNING TIME LIMITS OF STATEMENTS

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, at the beginning of each session, the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and 46/140 of 17 December 1991, on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by delegations and by Secretariat officials, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session, should not exceed 7 minutes. Statements made on behalf of a group of delegations or made in connection with the sub-items under the agenda item on human rights questions should not exceed 15 minutes. These time limits will be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers. With a view to saving time, all speakers are encouraged to exercise self-discipline, in particular delegations associated with group statements. For practical reasons, group statements are encouraged for the first day of the discussion of an item or sub-item. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the timely distribution of documentation in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in order to enable delegations to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers at an early stage.

B. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON REPORTS OF TREATY BODIES AND REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE STATUS OF THE TREATIES

3. Reports of all treaty bodies will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with their respective legislative mandates. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. Where possible, it is recommended that separate draft resolutions on the status of the treaties should not be submitted but should be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

C. DRAFT PROPOSALS EMANATING FROM SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

4. The Economic and Social Council, in transmitting draft proposals to the General Assembly should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

D. PROGRAMME OF WORK

5. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee based on a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects relating to the Committee's work, especially the status of documentation.

6. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fifty-third session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item 2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 4. International drug control

Item 5. Advancement of women

Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Item 8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Item 9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Item 10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination[2]

Item 11. Right of peoples to self-determination[2]

Item 12. Human rights questions[3] [4]

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

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[2] Items 10 and 11 are to be discussed jointly. Delegates may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

[3] Sub-items (a) and (d) are to be discussed separately; sub-items (b), (c) and (e) are to be discussed jointly.

[4] Delegations may make one statement each under sub-items (a) and (d) and two statements under sub-items (b), (c) and (e), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

(e) Report of the United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights.

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee particularly in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

E. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

8. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee as reproduced below.

9. Delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon in resolutions 45/175 and 46/140 regarding the submission of draft proposals and as set out below:[5]

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Annual

World social situation

Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, International Year of Older Persons and related activities (annual to 1999)

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[5] References to "odd" and "even" years refer to calendar years.

Biennial

Implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

Implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

Policies and programmes involving youth (odd years)

Implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future (odd years)

Cooperation to achieve education for all (odd years)

Triennial

Role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends (1999)

Quinquennial

Anniversary of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development (1999)

Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (2002)

Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Annual

Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime (1998)

Preparations for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (to 1999)

Biennial

International cooperation in combating organized crime (even years)

Crime prevention and criminal justice measures to eliminate violence against women (1999)

Quinquennial

United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (2000)

Item 4. International drug control

Annual

Implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances; international action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking; respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking; United Nations International Drug Control Programme; measures to strengthen international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters

Special session of the General Assembly devoted to the fight against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities

Biennial

Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (even years)

Update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (even years)

Item 5. Advancement of women

Annual

Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

Traffic in women and girls

Traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (1998)

United Nations Development Fund for Women

Biennial

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (even years)

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (odd years)

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Violence against women migrant workers (odd years)

Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Annual

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace

High-level review to appraise and assess the progress achieved in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women and the Beijing Platform for Action (to the year 2000)

Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (1998)

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors

Biennial

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Quinquennial

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (2002)

Item 8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Annual

Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; children with disabilities; prevention and eradication of the sale of children, and of their sexual exploitation, including child prostitution and child pornography; protection of children affected by armed conflicts; the girl child; refugee and internally displaced children; elimination of the exploitation of child labour; plight of children living and/or working on the streets

Biennial

Convention on the Rights of the Child (even)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (even)

Item 9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Annual

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

Item 10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Annual

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Biennial

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Item 11. Right of peoples to self-determination

Annual

Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means to violate human rights and to impede the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries)

Item 12. Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Annual

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights (1998)

Biennial

Report of the Committee against Torture and status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (even years)

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (even years)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

United Nations Decade on Human Rights Education and public information activities in the field of human rights

Strengthening of the rule of law

Respect for universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

Protection of United Nations personnel

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

Biennial

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (even years)

Human rights and terrorism (odd years)

National institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights (odd years)

Human rights and extreme poverty (even years)

Follow-up to the United Nations Year for Tolerance (even years)

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (odd years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (odd years)

Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections (odd years)

Human rights and scientific and technological progress (odd years)

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (odd years)

Quinquennial

Award of human rights prizes (1998)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Annual

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights

Five-year review of the implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights (1998)

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Annual

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

ANNEX II

Draft biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 1998-1999

1998[6]

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

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[6] The programme of work and documentation for 1998 will be revised in the light of the relevant decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 1998.

Item 2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.2 on the International Year of Older Persons

Question for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth and World Youth Forum (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.13)

Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the information on progress achieved in the implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime requested in draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.4

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.5)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.22)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.23)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

International cooperation against corruption and bribery in international commercial transactions (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.7)

International cooperation in criminal matters (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.8)

Item 4. International drug control

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action (General Assembly resolution 47/100 and draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.14)

Report of the Secretary-General containing the biennial update of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (resolution 48/112, sect. IV)[7]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.14 and Corr.1)

Item 5. Advancement of women

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180)[7]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125 and draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.16/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolutions 45/124 and 51/68)

Report of the Secretary-General on improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.18)

Report of the Secretary-General on traffic in women and girls (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.20/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.21)

Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (resolution 50/203 and draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.42)[7]

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[7] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Report of the Secretary-General on a new international humanitarian order (General Assembly resolution 51/74)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.26)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.27)

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.28)

Item 8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.25

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.25)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on the impact of armed conflict on children (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.25)

Item 9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (General Assembly decision 49/458)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities of the Decade (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.40/Rev.1)

Item 10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (resolution 3380 (XXX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.31/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.32)

Report of the Secretary-General containing proposals to supplement the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.38/Rev.1)

Item 11. Right of peoples to self-determination

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.33)

Report of the Secretary-General (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.34)

Item 12. Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))[7]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (resolution 260 A (III))

Report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (resolutions 36/151 and 51/86)

Report of the Committee against Torture (resolution 39/46, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (resolution 51/86)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.35)

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.36/Rev.1)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the ninth meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.36/Rev.1)

Question for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights (resolution 51/88 and draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.49)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the question of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (resolution 51/92)

Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (resolution 51/94)

Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (resolution 51/102)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of United Nations actions in the human rights field through the promotion of international

cooperation and the importance of non-electivity, impartiality and objectivity (resolution 51/105 and draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.57)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/72 on the right to development (Economic and Social Council decision 1997/276 and draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.66/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.46)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.48)

Report of the Secretary-General on protection of United Nations personnel (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.50)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the rule of law (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.53)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation programme of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education and on public information activities in the field of human rights (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.55 and Corr.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in assisting the Government and the people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.68)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Follow-up to the United Nations Year for Tolerance (resolution 51/95)

Human rights and extreme poverty (resolution 51/97)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.47)

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.67)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme of technical cooperation aimed at strengthening institutional capacity in the field of human rights in Haiti (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.54)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Kosovo (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.61)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.63)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the activities and operations of the Human Rights Field Operation in Rwanda (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.65)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Situation of human rights in Nigeria (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.70)

Situation of human rights in Iraq (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.71)

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.72)

Situation of human rights in Cuba (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.73)

Situation of human rights in Afghanistan (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.75)

Situation of human rights in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.69/Rev.1)

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 48/121 and draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.64)

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Documentation

Report of the High Commissioner (resolution 48/141)[7]

1999

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends (General Assembly resolution 51/58)

Report of the Secretary-General and of the Director-General of UNESCO on ways and means for achieving the goal of education for all (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.11/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.12 on the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

Report of the Secretary-General on policies and programmes involving youth and on progress made in the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.13)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth (Lisbon, 8-12 August 1998) (Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/55)

Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.6 on crime prevention and criminal justice measures to eliminate violence against women[7]

Item 4. International drug control

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action (General Assembly resolution 47/100)

Item 5. Advancement of women

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125)

World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (resolutions 40/204 and 49/161)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124)

Report of the Secretary-General on improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.15/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.17)

Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women migrant workers (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.19)

Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (resolution 50/203)

Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Item 8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on the question of children in armed conflict (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.25)

Item 9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities of the Decade (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.40/Rev.1)

Item 10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (resolution 3380 (XXX))

Item 11. Right of peoples to self-determination

Item 12. Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))[7]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (resolution 260 A (III))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenants on Human Rights (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.37)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.45)

Report of the Secretary-General on effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.51)

Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.60)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and terrorism (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.58)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.59)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.44)

Human rights in the administration of justice (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.52)

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.56)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 48/121)

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Documentation

Report of the High Commissioner (resolution 48/141)[7]

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Report of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly takes note of chapters I, IV, V (sections A to C and H) and VII of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[8]

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[8] A/52/3. To be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/52/3/Rev.1).